

South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities
Minutes of Meeting-June 22, 2005

The SD Council on Developmental Disabilities met on April 15, 2005 at the Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building in Pierre, SD.

Members Present

Travis Arneson	Michelle Powers
Deborah Bouchie	Wanda Seiler
Vicky Day	Isabel Trobaugh
Grady Kickul	Lex Werdel
David Nissen	Ted Williams

Others Present:

Edith Arneson
Beth Henrichsen
Arlene Poncelet

Federal Review Team Members:

Jane Rhys, Kansas
Sandy & Dan Houghton, Massachusetts
Faith McCormick, Washington DC
John Thomas, Denver Regional ADD Office
Vicky Greening, Denver, Observer from HeadStart Program

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairperson Deborah Bouchie called the meeting to order.
Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

As there was not a quorum, the group came to a consensus to accept the agenda. There were no changes recommended for

the minutes for the Council meeting held April 15, 2005 and the Executive Committee meeting held May 27, 2005.

The Executive Committee met on June 22, 2005.

- HSA in Watertown submitted a grant request for \$3,950. The Executive Committee suggested the request be resubmitted for \$3,000.
- The issue of council members being able to fund their trips to meetings was discussed. Arlene has spoken with the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities to provide advances for those members.

Resignations: Michelle Powers announced that she will be moving to Brookings, so this will be her last meeting. Lisa Lunstra is leaving BHSSC, so she will no longer be participating, either. New appointments should be available by the next meeting.

BUDGET UPDATE

All funds for FY2004 have been obligated. There are \$292,086.90 of federal funds available for FY2005. \$546,509.90 of federal funds for FY2006 should be available in October, 2005.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Arlene shared correspondence that has been received since the last meeting. This included thank-yous and an invitation to the ribbon cutting for SD Parent Connection in Sioux Falls on June 30, 2005.

Arlene and other council members acknowledged Dave Vogel, who passed away recently.

Arlene handed out the State Plan proposed budget for FFY2006. The Council discussed this, and made recommendations. Council members requested a graph for the previous five years to see spending trends.

Arlene handed out notes that she took while attending several meetings and training sessions. These may be helpful as the Council begins working on the new State Plan for 2007-2011.

Arlene shared information from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities regarding a new Consumer Satisfaction Framework and Protocol. This will be required as part of the Annual Program Performance Report for FFY2006. This will be incorporated into grant applications beginning with those Requests for Funding issued today.

The Alliance for Full Participation published an article in its newsletter "VOICES" regarding the Council and the grant the Council funded for a bus of individuals to attend the Alliance for Full Participation Summit.

The US Department of Education has proposed IDEA regulations out for comment. Arlene will send the link to Council members.

There was an opinion article in the Argus Leader from an individual who was not able to shop at a flower shop because he uses a wheelchair. The store owner had displays in the accessible parking spot. Later when someone went to take a picture and request a change, the employee told the man he was not welcome there. It was later discovered that this is a national chain of flower shops, and after being contacted the company said they are working on the problem.

Arlene shared that Betsy Valnes has been named the Executive Director for the National Youth Leadership Forum. Betsy has been involved with South Dakota's Youth Leadership Forum since it began. She is the youngest person ever to hold a position like this for a national self-advocate organization. Way to go, Betsy!

MTARS OVERVIEW

The MTARS reviewers were in attendance at the Council meeting and gave an overview of the review process. The review process is being revised, as many states have not had reviews for five to ten years.

South Dakota has three teams in the state at the same time. One team observes the Council and its members; one team observes the P&A, which is conducted at the SD Advocacy Services office, and the third team is reviewing the USD Center for Disabilities in Sioux Falls.

At the end of the review period, the three teams will meet to “compare” notes and to draft a report of the state’s network. They will also draft a proposed timeline for feedback from the State. The Council members will have an opportunity to review the report once it is received.

CHOICES PRESENTATION-BETTY OLDENKAMP

Betty Oldenkamp, Secretary for the Department of Human Services gave an overview of the Department’s strategic plan. CHOICES stands for: **C**ommunity-**H**ope-**O**pportunity-**I**ndependence-**C**areers-**E**mpowerment-**S**uccess.

GRANT APPLICATION-FRIENDS PROJECT

Trish Dorn, Linda Hallstrom, Dee Gustaf, Mary Forsburg, Sue Woodward, Jan Nicolay and Susan Mundt-Anderson spoke to the group via teleconference. Susan Mundt-Anderson is the liaison for this project.

The goals of this project are to provide educational and recreational opportunities for adults with disabilities, to increase the number of adults with disabilities who participate in general Community Education courses, and to increase the number of non-disabled adults who participate in the Friends Community

Education Program. The target population for the project is adults who are not receiving other services and are living independently.

117 individuals participated in the Friends Program the first year. To date, 83 registrations have been received for Friends classes for the second year. The registration fee is \$3.00 per person per class. This fee is waived if a financial burden is placed upon the person to pay for the registration.

Questions or concerns expressed by Council members included:

- ♦ Questions on the budget related to the match for personnel and how that was calculated.
- ♦ Is there data available on the number of participants with developmental disabilities who have participated in the general community education classes?
- ♦ Eligibility of participants (specifically related to non-violent behavior) was discussed. The question was asked if General Education Classes have written behavior expectations. The Council should not have to question “access” by individuals with developmental disabilities to a Council funded project.
- ♦ Is there a method of due process if someone is not allowed access?
- ♦ Concerned about the People First Language usage in the proposal as well as the attitude expressed in the letter of support from an instructor.
- ♦ The question was asked how transportation fit into the budget. Response during presentation was that individuals provide their own transportation. However, the program tries to have classes at locations near bus stops.

The Council was told that the city transit is “revamping” and may be more usable in the future.

- ♦ There was concern regarding the future sustainability and the ability to replicate this project.
- ♦ There was concern that the Advisory Council was not being utilized well enough. Did the Advisory Council have input into the proposal “before” it was submitted?
- ♦ A question was asked about how the project will recruit individuals without disabilities. Some members felt the program focused too much on segregation of people with developmental disabilities in separate classes and not enough on inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in general education classes.

Council members requested that the Executive Committee meet with the Friends Advisory Council and Project Staff to address the concerns discussed at the meeting. It was recommended that a revised proposal be submitted that would address the following:

- ♦ Budget corrections;
- ♦ Require the project to track data on goals two and three;
- ♦ Remove the behavior expectations from the application;
- ♦ Clarify due process and how individuals with developmental disabilities are made aware of how that process works;
- ♦ Address the sustainability and how you could assist another organization in replicating this project; and
- ♦ Address how you plan to include more individuals with developmental disabilities in regular community education courses.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING (RFF)

The group discussed issuing requests for funding in the following areas: Education & Training Mini-Grants for FFY06, Employment and Self-Advocacy & Leadership Development.

Partners in Policy Making for year 14 was discussed at the April meeting. An independent evaluation has been added to the request for this year.

The Employment request was discussed. A possible art show was discussed as an option. It could be prepared in conjunction with the SD Arts Council. Debby and Arlene will look into and work on this activity.

The Council discussed the Self-Advocacy & Leadership Development request. Arlene prepared two different funding requests for this area. It was agreed that the two would be combined, and the applying party could choose one or numerous items to complete.

Dental Area – Paul Knecht with the SD Dental Association (SDDA) contacted Arlene to share two areas of interest to the Council. SDDA and Delta Dental will provide training for dentists to care for individuals with disabilities. Delta Dental and Medicaid are working together to ensure that dentists who complete the training receive a higher reimbursement rate. The discussion was positive with regard to both these items. The Council was informed that SDDA successfully opposed legislation that would have expanded the role of dental hygienists in providing dental services. The members present were interested in reviewing a proposal for the training described above.

There was consensus of the Council members present to issue the Requests for Funding as reviewed and updated.

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES UPDATE

Wanda Seiler, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities spoke to the group. She updated the Council on the following topics: Family Support, PLANS, Medicare Part D, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers, Respite Care and Service Based Rates (SBR).

RIGHTS DOCUMENT & DECISION TREE

Deb Petersen and Jan Banghart from the Division of Developmental Disabilities presented to the group. The rights situation came about when it was discovered that adjustment training centers had discrepancies among them as to which situations were rights restrictions and which situations were supports. The Rights Workgroup was formed to look at these issues. The Rights Document, which includes the Rights & Restrictions Decision Tree was developed. This document is intended to help agencies determine which situations are rights restrictions and which are supports. Deb & Jan handed out scenarios that were then “taken through” the tree to determine if they were rights restrictions or supports.

Adjustment training centers are improving in this area, but there is still work to be done. A survey will be sent to the adjustment training centers by August 1, 2005. Those adjustment training centers who are excelling in this area will be looked at to help the agencies who are struggling.

NEXT MEETING DATE & PLACE

The Council reviewed dates and tentatively set the next meeting for September 29 & 30, 2005 in Chamberlain. Other cities may be looked at depending on hotel availability.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm on June 22, 2005.